

ABSTRACT

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This research was aimed to develop the appropriate reading materials through Local Content Based Materials for the grade eight students of SMPN 1 Padang Tualang Langkat. This study was conducted by Research and Development (R & D) design through six phases; gathering information and data, analyzing data, designing new materials based on Local Content, validating by experts, revising new material, and producing the final product. The subject of this study was the grade eight students of SMPN 1 Padang Tualang Langkat. The instruments of collecting data were combined of two strategies: interview and questionnaires. The interview result was analyzed as qualitative data and the questionnaires analyzed as quantitative data. These data were needs of students covering target needs and learning needs. This study developed English reading materials which only focus on descriptive text based on local content or appropriate with students social cultural and environment in first semester. These materials were based on School-based curriculum.

Key words: *Local content based material, English reading materials, Junior High School, Research and Development (R & D)*

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